

the age of eighteen to work as a manual laborer under the Bracero Program. He spent long hours picking fruits and vegetables in fields from southern California to Washington for little pay and under harsh working conditions. Ever the entrepreneur, one day Jesus traded some tools for a pregnant pig, which he brought home to his wife Luz. From that beginning investment, Luz grew a small pig farm while Jesus continued to work in the fields. The couple began a small business by selling pork and poultry, as well as Luz's signature home-cooked food. Their steady efforts led them to open the first Cardenas Markets grocery store in Ontario, California in 1981.

Today, there are 29 Cardenas stores in cities throughout southern California, and in Las Vegas. In my district alone, there are 4 stores, which employ more than 500 people. Jesus extended the warmth and hospitality that made his grocery stores so popular to the communities they served. His business has established close to \$250,000 in scholarships, including a program in my district that helps students who live close to Cardenas stores to attend the local community college, College of the Desert. Jesus himself did not have the luxury of much education, but that did not stop him from providing it to others.

Jesus Cardenas is a model American, who started from humble beginnings and created his own success with hard work and a strong sense of both personal and social responsibility. His life's work will live on through the many people his stores and philanthropy have touched, and as an inspiration to people everywhere who seek to achieve the American Dream.

#### A TRIBUTE TO PAULA DEVINE

### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District.

Today, I stand to laud the tireless efforts of Paula Devine of Glendale, California. Upon her retirement from a 33-year teaching career, Paula remains a vibrant member of the Glendale community, where she volunteers as a women's advocate.

Paula's accomplishments in the community are many. She has served on the City of Glendale Commission on the Status of Women for seven years, where she has been both Vice Chair and Chairperson. Through her unparalleled leadership, the Commission has not only gained great status in the community, but has also raised significant funds through fundraisers and grants to support their programs. With the support of her colleagues, Paula developed a program called "Commission Status Rescue," which provides annual funds to the Glendale Police Department for offering temporary emergency shelter to individuals who have been victims of domestic violence. Paula is a member of the Board of Directors of Glendale Healthy Kids and the Glendale Police Foundation, and a member of

the Advisory Board of both the Glendale Adventist Medical Center and the Desi Geestman Foundation, which raises funds to help families deal with financial burdens while their children are receiving cancer treatment at the City of Hope in Duarte.

In addition to her leadership roles, Paula is a dedicated member and volunteer for organizations such as the Glendale Historical Society, Soroptimist of Glendale, Women's Civic League, and the Glendale Latino Association. Paula has been an influential member of the Bully Me Not Coalition and the Safe Family Task Force, and has worked on creating a Teen Dating Violence Curriculum in the Glendale secondary schools.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an outstanding woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Paula Devine, for her exceptional service to the community.

#### COMMENDING JEANETTE GOBIN ON CELEBRATING HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincerest congratulations and Happy Birthday wishes to Mrs. Jeanette Gobin, who will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Tuesday, April 30, 2013. On this day, she will be honored with a birthday celebration at Savannah Court in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Born in Ontario, Canada on April 30, 1913 to Arthur and Clara DesRoches, Ms. Gobin is the eldest of two children. After completing her education, Ms. Gobin got married and relocated to Detroit, Michigan with her husband. Ms. Gobin developed a love for traveling. She went out on the road with her husband who was a sales representative for a major tool and die company. After Ms. Gobin and her husband retired, they relocated to Rivera Beach, Florida in the late 1970's. When not traveling, Ms. Gobin volunteered her time at local hospitals helping others.

She is a devoted catholic and said: "My life is an open book. I have lived for 100 years, and have seen almost everything." When asked for her secret to living a long life, she said that it is to live life to the fullest, enjoying each day, learn how to laugh and most importantly help others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to an outstanding citizen and woman of faith, Ms. Jeanette Gobin, as she and her loved ones celebrate her 100th birthday.

#### HONORING LOU P. VINCENT

### HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Lou P. Vincent.

Lou dedicated her career to caring for patients and aiding them as best she could. A dedicated nurse, Lou worked for Dr. John

Grise for 9 years and for Dr. Mark Yurchisin for 22 years.

Specifically, Lou helped deliver my three children: Caroline, Robby and Elizabeth. Lou's smile comforted me as my wife was prepped for each delivery and her comforting persona helped both of us through the process.

My family and I will forever be grateful for her service and thank her once again for helping us welcome our three amazing children into the world. It has been a pleasure knowing Lou and seeing her in the Bowling Green community. She will certainly be missed.

Lou was present on three of the best days of my life, and my wife and I will always consider her a part of our family.

#### KAREN BORQUEZ-DIAZ

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Karen Borquez-Diaz for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Karen Borquez-Diaz is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Karen Borquez-Diaz is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Karen Borquez-Diaz for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

#### HONORING THE WASHINGTON BALALAIKA SOCIETY

### HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 16, 2013*

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the Washington Balalaika Society. The Washington Balalaika Society is a Russian folk orchestra founded in 1988. They are a group of musicians dedicated to studying and performing the rich musical heritage of Russia, Ukraine and Eastern Europe on traditional instruments and in national costume. Today, it is one of the largest and most active of the Russian folk orchestras outside of Russia and performs often in the Northern Virginia—Greater Washington area.

The orchestra is celebrating both its 25th year, and also the 10th anniversary of its conductor, Svetlana Nikonova and her family, emigrating from St. Petersburg, Russia to the United States. In 2006, Ms. Nikonova was granted permanent residency in the United States as an "artist of extraordinary ability." Her family performs with the orchestra, her husband on the bayan (Russian accordion), her daughter on the flute and percussion and